

away. As we approach the first of March and individuals find themselves unable to secure financing then you are going to see another influx of people into your offices and they are going to say wait a minute,...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...we need to have something done, and we didn't mean for it to do this, or didn't mean for it to do that. So I would suggest you pass the Scofield amendment, and would hope that the Governor will participate, and would hope that we can get some good people inside and outside the body who will review the issue. They may come back and say nothing needs to be done, and that is fine with me. If they say there needs to be something done, we can take a look at it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, then Senator Pappas, please.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, I think Senator Schmit's comments were very appropriate in many respects. I will have to tell you that regardless which side of this particular issue you are on, it doesn't make you too popular in some circles. Just so you understand, I oppose the Scofield amendment, but I'm not one of those people that Senator Schmit mentioned that have already got their financing lined up and don't have any problems, especially since my note is due this week and I've got to make a phone call to my local banker, and it's not too easy to do, I've been trying to steel myself to go back and make that phone call, when I happen to be on the opposite side of this particular issue from what they are. But the point of the matter is that this is a serious situation. We've got some real difficult problems in rural Nebraska, whether or not they are caused by Initiative 300 depends on your point of view. I don't happen to think they are. I think they are caused by actions taken on the banks of the Potomac more than anything else. I don't think the passage of a repeal of Initiative 300, or the passage of Initiative 300 a few years ago, either one, are going to solve our problems or cause the problems. But there are problems and I understand the concern of those people that say they want to address and look at those problems. Well, I'm willing to do that, but I'm not willing to do it under a mechanism that says we are going to eventually find out that there is something